Poverty Schemes falling flat

4004. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report regarding the poverty schemes falling flat;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether Government have examined this press report;

(d) if so, whether the report submitted in the Supreme Court on 4th March, 2003 shows exactly how the various food-related poverty alleviation schemes are faring in the country; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Garbage-dumping grounds pose health hazard

4005. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government realize that garbage-dumping grounds pose health hazard to the people living in their vicinity;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken to ensure that the health of the people living in the vicinity of garbage dumps does not deteriorate;

(c) whether Government have ever ordered spraying of medicines to control and kill germs in these garbage-dumping grounds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Indiscriminate dumping of garbage in an unscientific manner could pose health hazard to the people living in their vicinity.

(b) Since sanitation is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government and urban local bodies to take appropriate action for

proper disposal of garbage. This Ministry has published a comprehensive Manual on Municipal Solid Waste Management to enable urban local bodies to plan, design and execute such schemes in the areas under their jurisdiction. The Ministry of Environment & Forest has notified the Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 and Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 for compliance by the States and urban local bodies.

(c) to (e) It is for the State Governments & urban local bodies to take appropriate measures in this regard.

Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes

4006. SHRIMATIPREMACARIAPPA:
SHRIMOTILALVORA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different Central Sector schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by his Ministry;

(b) the financial institutions involved in above said schemes; and

(c) the contribution of these financial institutions under the existing guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The details of Central Sector schemes and Centrally Sponsored schemes being implemented by this Ministry and the contribution of the financial institutions under the existing guidelines of the schemes is as under:—

1. Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT)— The main objective of the scheme is to improve infrastructural facilities and help in the creation of durable assets in Small and Medium Towns. As per the guidelines, 20-40% of the project cost can be obtained from financial institutions or other sources. While there is a limit on Central assistance depending on the size of the town, there is no ceiling on the amounts that could be made available from the State Governments/Local bodies from out of their own resources/Institutional financing Agencies.